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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: Lukton, D.

In Re the Application of:)
BAR-OR et al.)
Serial No.: 09/678,202)
Filed: September 29, 2000)
Atty. File No.: 4172-3)
For: "METAL-BINDING COMPOUNDS)

AND USES THEREFOR"

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA VA 22313-1450 ON APRIL 7, 2004.

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 7, 2003, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from January 7, 2004, to April 7, 2004.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$475.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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